






# **WELCOME TO RECEPTION**



# Your Reception Teachers






## Miss Francis



-  Eighth year teaching at Charlestown
-  Phase 1 Lead – (Nursery, Reception + Year 1)
-  Has two boys. Oldest is 3 and youngest is 20 months
-  Loves to read books and bake cakes
-  Enjoys weekends at the park with her family and going out for meals!

## Miss Cole



-  Second year teaching at Charlestown
-  Loves going to the theatre and listening to music
-  Has 2 dogs, Poppy and Luna
-  In her spare time, loves making memories with her family and friends
-  Enjoys funny jokes and reading books

## Other important staff



← This is Mrs Collis. She is our Head Teacher.

This is Mrs Peters. She is our Deputy Head Teacher,  
Special Needs Lead and Safeguarding Lead.



← This is Miss Boocker. She is our Deputy Head Teacher.

This is Mrs Morrison. She is our Family Worker.



# Our Vision



To create a World Class learning environment that nurtures everyone towards success, building employment pathways for all without prejudice or excuses.

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# Our Values



We have adopted the Manchester bee to reflect our commitment to hard work, resilience and working together. It is also our belief that children should develop and embrace a strong sense of community identity and the Manchester bee aptly represents the wonderful sense of character and unity that this wonderful city has. We want children to be proud of Manchester and their local community.

In addition to this, we will provide every child at Charlestown with rich opportunities to grow as individuals and become respectful and responsible citizens who learn how to keep themselves and each other safe. We want our children to be adventurous, try new things and have excitable, curious minds, so our curriculum and behavioural values underpin everything we do:

**Respectful**

**Responsible**

**Safe**

**Curious**

**Adventurous**

**Aspirational**

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# Our Aim

*‘Every child deserves the best possible start in life and the support that enables them to fulfil their potential’  
(EYFS Framework ’21).*






Our main aim is to provide our children with language rich opportunities and give them the cultural capital they need so they can unlock the knowledge, skills and understanding that they require for a successful future. We believe it is essential that our children have opportunities to embed and develop the best habits and behaviours for learning. To ensure this takes place, we plan and teach with the Characteristics of Learning first and foremost. We want our children to be able to:

- *Play and explore*
- *Learn actively*
- *Create and think critically*

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# Our Aim

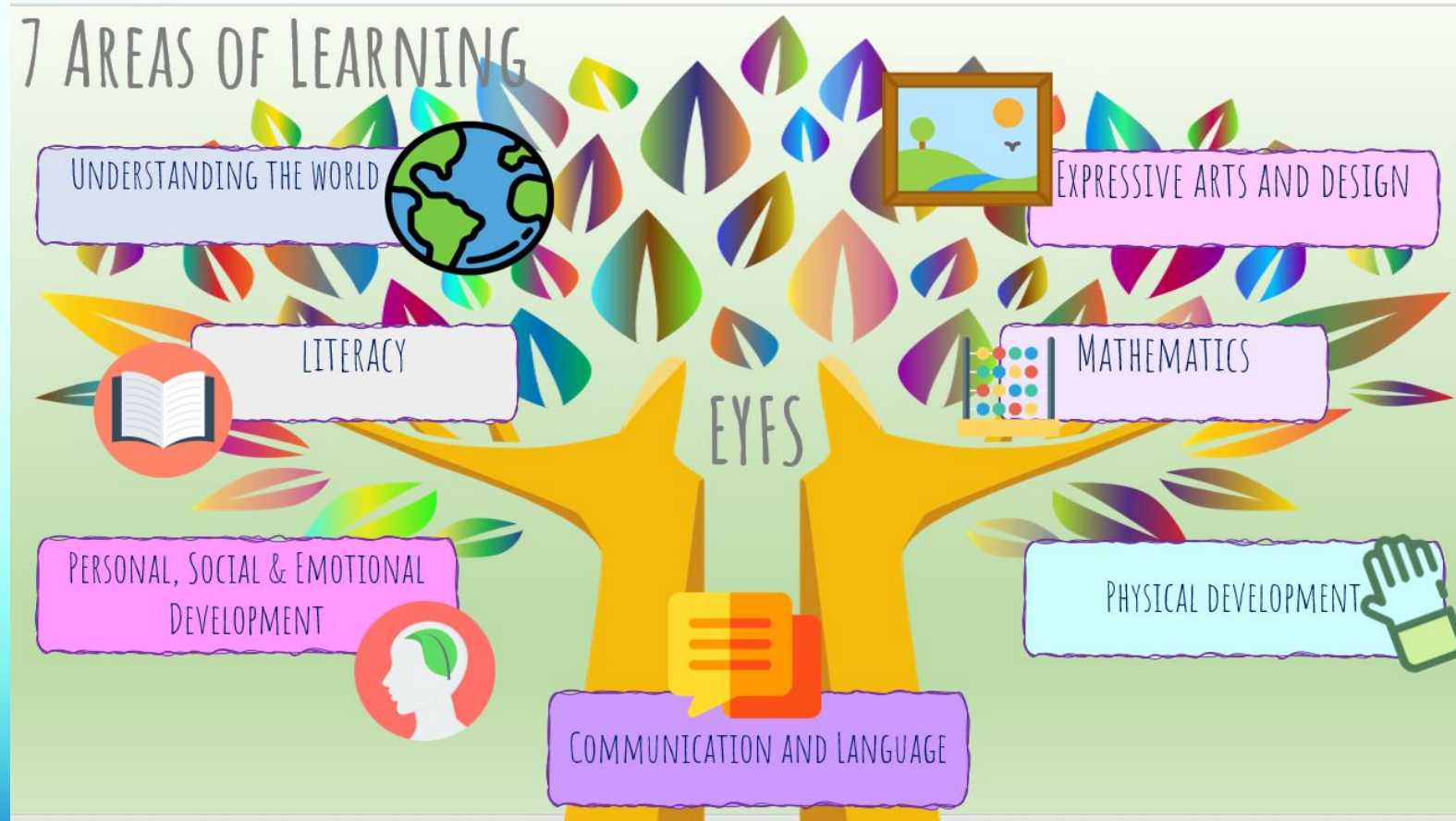
To instil the knowledge that we want all pupils to remember years after leaving primary school we believe daily practice and retrieval is essential. Our system of teaching and daily timetable includes:

-  Literacy, maths, reading, circle time, indoor and outdoor learning in the areas
-  Daily phonics following the RWI scheme
-  Book sharing throughout the day
-  Vocabulary rich environment and learning new words daily
-  Daily fine motor and letter formation practise

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# What we learn



Click on our Curriculum Overviews Tab to download what Golden Thread we're learning each half term!

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# Here is an example day:



**School starts at 8.45am.**

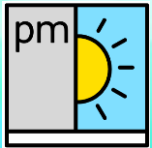
Children will come in and have a bagel. They will complete the register and settle in for the day.



Mornings will have some adult led teaching sessions and lots of learning in our indoor and outdoor continuous provision areas. Teachers will run focused group learning task in numeracy, literacy, phonics and letter formation.



**11.30-12.30** If your child is on school dinners, you will need to order these online. Please see the office for more support.



Afternoons will have some adult led teaching sessions and lots of learning in our indoor and outdoor continuous provision areas. Teachers will run a focused group learning task in numeracy, literacy and understanding of the world. We will have key worker group time with fruit and milk. Please see the office if you wish for your child to have milk.



**Home time is at 3.30pm on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.**

**On a Friday school closes at 2.15pm!**

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# School Uniform!

Our school uniform is a navy top, white polo and black/grey bottoms.

You need to wear any of the following:

- Joggers
- Pull up trousers
- Leggings
- Skirt or dress
- Black shoes without laces. Velcro ones or slip on ones are perfect.



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# What to bring to school

On your first day, please bring in a bag that will stay in school. It needs to have the following in:

- A spare white top
- Spare school uniform bottoms
- A few pairs of underwear
- A few pairs of socks
- Wellington boots

Everyday please bring your child's bookbag and a coat. If it is hot, please bring in a thin raincoat. Umbrellas will not be allowed in school.

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# Reading!

Reading is an essential skill and we understand that it is a complex one too, which develops gradually.

Reading is a partnership and we value all parental support in this process.

All children are given a reading book bag and a diary when they start in Reception. Please ensure your child brings in their book bag EVERYDAY with their book and reading diary inside.

Please try to read with your child as much as you can at home. 20 minutes of reading a day makes a huge impact on your child's life. Reading as widely as possible from a range of high quality authors will not only help develop their reading skills, but also improve their writing.




If you need support with how to read at home with your child, go to our Reading page on the school website. It is under the 'Curriculum' tab.



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# Reading!

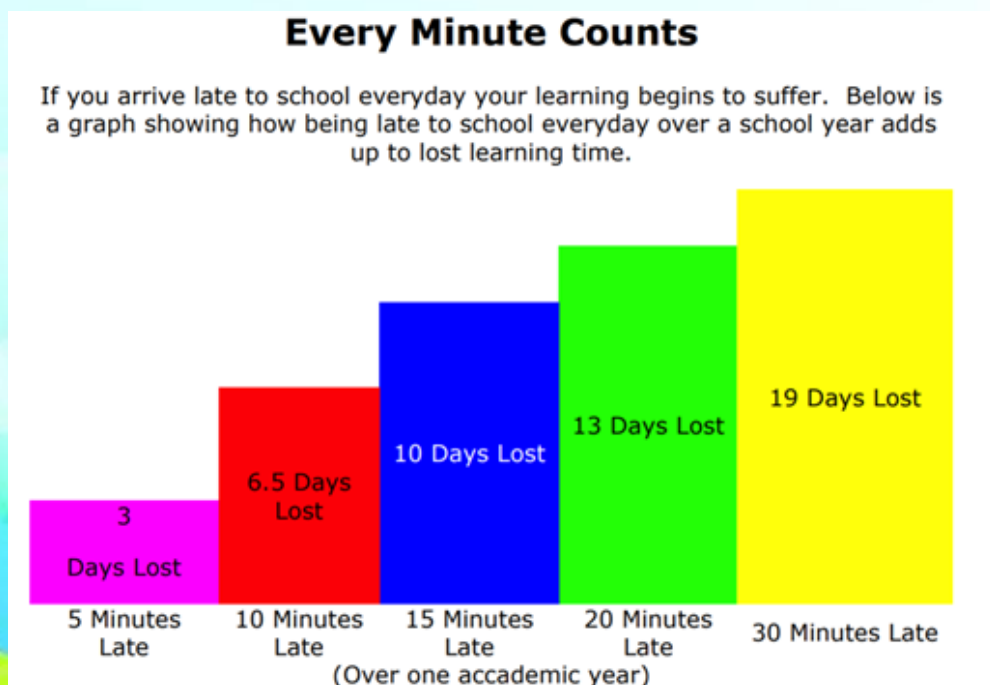
Look at the difference reading can make:

Why Reading 20 Minutes a Night is so Critical		
Student A	Student B	Student C
20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
3,600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year	180 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year	282,00 words per year	8,000 words per year
		
Scores in the 90th percentile on standard tests.	Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests.	Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.

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# Attendance & Punctuality

School begins at 8.50am and ends at 3.15pm. Bringing your child to school everyday and on time everyday is the best thing you can do to ensure your child thrives at Charlestown Primary School. Every late minute and every missed day does make a difference so if your child is well enough to come to school, please bring them in and on time 😊



Good or Very Good		Of Concern		Serious Concern	
The <b>best</b> chance of success in learning.		Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to make progress and socialise		Your child will find it <b>very difficult</b> to make progress and maintain friendships.	
No absences	10 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence	47 days absence
190 Days of education	180 Days of education	171 Days of education	161 Days of education	152 Days of education	153 Days of education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%

There are **365** days in a year  
 A School year is only **190** days  
 That leaves: **175** days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments

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# Home Learning

We have subscribed to the app Seesaw for all aspects of learning at home.

Each child gets a unique code which let's them log in and begin learning.

Each week your child will receive the following homework to complete on there:

= A letter formation task

= A phonics task

= A maths task

This needs to be completed before Thursday each week please!

**Seesaw is not just for homework! We love seeing what you are up to at home so feel free to snap pictures, take videos or upload work that you have been doing at home or in any of the clubs you go to. We love to see you having fun ☺**

Charlestown Primary School  
Homework

**HomeWork**

Childname, every week your homework is online on our Seesaw App.

Please follow the simple instructions below to access it.

New work will be given to you every week. Please make sure each week your work is done by the Thursday.

**On a tablet or phone:**

1. Download the app from the store.
2. Click I'm a student.
3. Scan or enter the black and white box (QR code).

4. You are all logged in and can begin!

**On a computer:**

1. Go to the website: [app.seesaw.me](https://app.seesaw.me)
2. Click I'm a student.
3. Type in your special code: **AWC08P5H 0000**

4. You are all logged in and can begin!

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